REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING, PLANNING AND HOUSING

Voting Members:

Ron Menor, Chair; Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair; Brandon J.C. Elefante, Ann H. Kobayashi, Joey Manahan

Committee Meeting Held July 16, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson Chair, City Council City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing, to which was referred Bill 51 (2020) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GROUP LIVING FACILITIES,"

transmitted by Departmental Communication 417 (2020), dated June 10, 2020, and which passed First Reading at the July 8, 2020 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 51 (2020) is to amend the Land Use Ordinance ("LUO") to exempt certain student housing facilities from the prohibition against having group living facilities located within 1,000 feet of each other.

The Bill proposes to provide an exception from the 1,000-foot restriction for multifamily dwellings that provide housing for students and staff of a public educational institution, and are located in the apartment, apartment mixed use, or business mixed use zoning districts within a one-half mile radius of an educational institution with an enrollment of 10,000 or more students.

On May 27, 2020, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Bill, at which two oral and three written testimonies were received. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed LUO amendments, subject to a further amendment that would reduce the one-half mile radius to a one-quarter mile radius.

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At your Committee's meeting on July 16, 2020, the Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") testified that the DPP stands by its original recommendation in its report to the Planning Commission that approval of the Bill be denied. Kamehameha Schools testified in support of the Bill, and R.M. Towill offered comments on the Bill.

Your Committee plans to consider these matters further after receiving public testimony on the Bill at the public hearing to be held as required by law.

Your Committee believes that additional public testimony at the public hearing recommended herein to be scheduled on this Bill will provide further assistance to your Committee and to the Council in their deliberations on this Bill.

Your Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing recommends that Bill 51 (2020) pass Second Reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Elefante, Kobayashi, Menor, Waters – 4; Ayes with reservations: None; Noes: None; Excused: Manahan – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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